ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS IN QUEBEC

As an entrepreneur, you will need to obtain multiple permits, licenses, or certificates to ensure that your business is fully compliant with municipal, provincial, and federal regulations and avoid penalties.

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FOR ENTREPRENEURS IN QUEBEC

- Permis et licences (PerLE) (French only)
  - List of permits and licenses required to operate a business in Quebec
- Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ) (French only)
  - Commercial Fisheries and Aquaculture
  - Food Processing Sector
  - Food establishment operating permits – restaurant or retail outlet
  - Agricultural Operations
- Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux (RACJ) (French only)
  - Liquor permit for restaurants, bars, or retail outlets
- Global Affairs Canada
  - Importing
  - Exporting
- Consumer protection office (French only)
  - Health studio permit
- Environment & Climate Change Quebec (French only)
  - Permits for the sale and use of pesticides

- Ministry of Economy & Innovation(French only)
    - Permits for upholstery materials and upholstered items
- Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks (French only)
    - Operating license for a primary wood processing plant

OTHER COMMON PERMITS

Based on your municipality, some other common permits may include:

- Occupancy permit for a commercial or professional activity
- Permits to install a commercial sign, change its structure, or replace it
- Commercial terraces permit
- Temporary occupancy of public property for construction purposes permit

MORE INFORMATION

Refer to our previous videos and Tip Sheets for more information on:

- Best hiring practices
- Employee contracts
- Setting up an employee file, paying employees, and deductions and contributions
- Incorporating a business
- Government filing requirements
- Business expenses

Take advantage of our business coaching and legal information clinic – we can point you in the right direction, so you can obtain the appropriate documentation for your business.

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